THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) There are reports that United Liberation front of Assam (ULFA) have set up camps/hideouts in Bangladesh. However, there is no specific report about existence of ULFAs camps in Nepal.

(b) There is no evidence to suggest institutional linkages of Bangladesh political parties with ULFA.

(c) and (d) The Government has taken up the matter with the Government of Bangladesh for action against Indian Insurgent Group (IIG) camps including ULFA at various fora. This matter was again raised in the Home Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh held in August 2007 at New Delhi. Bangladesh side stated that it would take effective action against any activity inimical to India by such groups and agreed that swift action would be taken if timely information is provided.

There are bilateral institutional mechanism between India and Nepal which *inter-alia* discussed and review security concern arising from either side by criminal elements and terrorist groups including anti-India activities and suggests measures to strengthen security cooperation between the two countires. Government of Nepal has assured that it would never allow its territory to be used against India. The last Home Secretary level talks between India and Nepal was held at Kathmandu on September 25-26, 2007.

Banishing foreign students from Karnataka

†348. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many foreign students have been banished from Karnataka after terrorist conspiracy in Britain;

(b) what are the names of the countries to which these students belong;

(c) whether the above students are in the country;

(d) if so, the States where they are residing; and

(e) whether those States have been intimated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per information available, no such case has been reported in the State of Karnataka.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Compensation to the victims of Diwali bomb blasts

349. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that due compensation has not been given to many victims of Diwali bomb blasts;

(b) whether Government is aware that former DTC driver who threw live bomb from the bus thus saving so many lives and losing his vision in the process has returned his medal to the Government due to its apathy towards bomb victims;

(c) if so, whether Government will launch a fresh survey to find out the number of actual victims who could not get compensation due to bureaucratic apathy; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) whether Government propose to ensure free treatment to the victims who are actually paying from their own resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) As per the information made available by Government of NCT of Delhi, compensation to the victims of Diwali bomb blasts that took place on 29.10.2005 had been given in all verified cases. However, the compensation could not be paid in certain cases due to untraceable victims' addresses or non verification of claims or family disputes, etc.

(b) None has approached the Government of India to return the Jeewan Raksha Padak conferred by Government.

(c) Government of NCT of Delhi does not feel any need for a fresh survey at this stage as all the persons who have applied for grant of compensation have been taken into account and their cases have already been processed.

(d) Victims who have submitted their claims have already been paid/reimbursed charges due for treatment.

Setting up of Federal Enforcement Agency

350. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government for setting up of Federal Enforcement Agency to deal with federal crimes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many Chief Ministers are opposing the proposal;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether many jurists are in favour of the proposal;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, and Law and Justice recommended for setting up of a Federal Agency;

(h) if so, whether any decision has been taken by Government is this regard; and

(i) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (i) Various committees such as Malimath Committee, Prof. Madhav Menon Committee and Soli Sorabjee Committee have emphasised the need for investigation and prosecution of crimes having inter-state and international linkages by a central agency. The Supreme Court has, in the judgement delivered in September, 2006, in the Writ Petition (Civil) case of Prakash Singh and others *Vs.* Union of India, sought comments of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) and the Ministry of Home Affairs in this matter. As per available information, the Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Law and Justice has not made any recommendations in this regard.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has been considering this issue in consultation with the State Governments. Most of the States, from which comments have been received, have expressed reservations/apprehensions on this issue, police and public order being subjects in the State list in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.